

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6790
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2000
AQUACULTURE FARMING
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Supreme Court has ordered closure of intensive and semi-intensive aquaculture farm in coastal area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any alternative has been found out for the affected people;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government are intensifying aquaculture cultivation in coastal areas; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) & (b) The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 11.12.1996 in Writ Petition (C) 561 of 1994 ordered closure of all the shrimp farms set up within the Coastal Regulation Zone, except farms practicing traditional and improved traditional shrimp culture.
- (c) & (d); A Review Petition has been filed seeking review of this judgement, and the matter is sub-judice.
- (e) & (f): In accordance with the directives of the Supreme Court, an Aquaculture Authority has been set up to regulate shrimp farming activities in coastal areas. The Authority has evolved guidelines for traditional and improved traditional systems of shrimp farming in an eco-friendly manner.